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SUBJECT: GREEK CONCERN OVER TURKISH POLICY IN THE
AEGEAN

REF: ATHENS 594; ANKARA 681

1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ROUSSOS CALLED ON FCO PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY BRIMELOW JANUARY 23 TO EXPRESS "VERY SERIOUS" GREEK CONCERN OVER TURKISH POLICY IN THE AEGEAN ALONG LINES ATHENS REFTTEL, AND URGE THAT WESTERN POWERS BECOME "MORE ACTIVE," PARTICULARLY THOSE CHARGED WITH PEACEKEEPING RESPONSIBILITIES AS PERMANENT MEMBERS OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. PUS REPLY WAS THAT HMG THINKS AEGEAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION. HE ASKED IF THE GREEKS HAVE BEEN SPEAKING TO THE TURKS. ROUSSOS SAID GREEK AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA HAS BEEN HAVING DISCUSSIONS BUT TURKS FEED HIM "FAIR WORDS."

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3. ROUSSOS SAID AEGEAN IS "NOT THE SAME AS CYPRUS." A

NORWEGIAN SHIP MAY BE ARRIVING SOON TO CARRY OUT SURVEY FOR TURKEY IN AEGEAN. GREECE CANNOT STAND IDLY BY. IF IT CAME TO WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, SOVIETS WOULD INTERVENE AND WESTERN ALLIANCE IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN WOULD LIE IN RUINS.

4. BRITISH (GOODISON) COMMENTED THAT GREEKS HAD MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY WHEN, AFTER NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING, THEY DECIDED NOT TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH THE TURKS. ROUSSOS COMPLAINED THAT BRITISH TREAT GREECE AND TURKEY ON EQUAL FOOTING. HE SAID TURKS ARE BENT ON CREATING "FAITS ACCOMPLI" ELSEWHERE THAN JUST IN CYPRUS. BRIMELOW SAID HE WOULD CALL IN TURKISH AMBASSADOR EARLY NEXT WEEK AND DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM.

5. BRITISH ASKED IF GREEKS HAVE APPROACHED USG. ROUSSOS REPLIED THAT CIRCULAR HAD GONE TO MANY POSTS, INCLUDING WASHINGTON, TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT.

6. GOODISON TELLS US HE IS WRITING BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS AEGEAN SITUATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, (ENCLOSING MEMCON OF BRIMELOW-ROUSSOS CONVERSATION).

7. INCIDENTALLY, FCO CORRECTED PREVIOUS INFORMATION (LONDON 999) RE BRITISH PROTEST ON DEMONSTRATION AGAINST BRITISH EMBASSY IN GREECE. WHILE NO SUM HAS BEEN FIXED FOR DAMAGES TO BRITISH PROPERTY IN CYPRUS, BRITISH HAVE PRESENTED CLAIM OF 30,000 POUNDS STERLING TO GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR DAMAGES IN ATHENS (CONFIRMING REPORTS IN THE PRESS).
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